

## FAIL IN EFFORT TO WRECK SAFE IN COTTON MILL

Bold Attempt at Burglary in  
Danville—Night Watch-  
man Under Arrest.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Danville, Va., October 11.—One of the boldest attempts at safe-cracking ever pulled off in this section of the State occurred here this morning, when the large iron safe in the office of the Riverside Cotton Mills was drilled and a charge of dynamite exploded, in an effort to get at its contents. As a result of the attempt to burglarize the safe, a number of arrests were immediately made and the night watchman, who was on duty at the time, is now in jail, suspected of being implicated in the crime.

The story told by the night watchman, Thomas Watson, who came here about two years ago from North Carolina, and who has been employed at the mill since July in the capacity of watchman, was sensational in the extreme. He says this morning about 1 o'clock, while making rounds of the mill, and when in one of the rooms on the lower floor he was set upon from behind by two masked men and overpowered. When the men got him to the office his hands and legs were tied, and he was placed in a chair. While one stood guard with a pistol at his head to prevent him from crying for aid, the other went to work drilling the safe. That the would-be burglars were unsuccessful and amateurs, was evidenced by the fact that with no one to hinder them in their operations, they placed an insufficient charge of explosive in the hole to blow open the door. Watson stated further, that when the robbers became afraid of detection as the explosion made a noise, they took him into the mill and tied him to a work bench. Still bound hand and foot he was released by Officer Charles Smith.

The mill authorities say that the safe contained more than \$10,000 in currency to be used in making up part of the pay roll for the week. The watchman since noon refused further to discuss the case, other than to insist that he is innocent of the crime and has told the truth.



Eugenie Blair, in "Madame X" at the Bijou all this week, commencing to-morrow night.

## JEW CLAIMS HE SAVED THRONE

Rabbi Adler Advised Queen Victoria Her Legal Heir Must  
Be Born in England.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Berlin, October 11.—That King George sits on the throne of Great Britain and India, and his father before him, is due to the presence of a Jew, Rabbi Nathan Adler.

So asserts Dr. Adolf Kohut in a book about to be published here; to put its title in English, "Crowned and Uncrowned Friends of the Jews." Dr. Kohut insists that very soon before her first son was born, Queen Victoria went to Italy and, with her ministers' assent, intended to remain there until the child should be blessed with a boy, the heir to the throne, or another girl.

It was then, according to Dr. Kohut, that the learned Rabbi Nathan Adler, who, for the benefit of his fellow-religionists, had studied English law, went to the British Foreign Minister and informed him that an heir to the crown of England must be born on English soil, and if the birth took place abroad the expected prince would lose his right to the throne.

On the Rabbi's advice the ministers arranged that the Queen should return to England, and Edward the Peacemaker was born very soon afterward.

Dr. Kohut says that King Edward never forgot what Dr. Adler had done for him; Dr. Adler afterward became Chief Rabbi, and, on his death, was succeeded by his son, Dr. Hermann Adler, who also had the warmest sympathy of King Edward.

## OPPOSES FLOWERS AT ITS GERMAN

P. K. Society of University of  
Virginia Thinks Custom Use-  
less and Extravagant.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Charlottesville, Va., October 11.—The P. K. Society of the University of Virginia is opposed to the sending of flowers to be worn at its German as an emblem of a less custom, and it prohibits its members from doing so. This is in essence the resolution passed by the society at its recent meeting, which will revolutionize to no small extent the customs of former years in this particular.

While the University German Club has passed no formal resolution on the matter, it is understood that its members are heartily in sympathy with the action of the P. K. S., and it is expected that the young women who wear flowers to the fall or winter gowns will feel rather conspicuous until after the first dance, when she will throw them into the nearest corner, as has long been the custom.

The fall dances this year will be held October 23 and 25, Wednesday and Thursday of the week of the Vanderbilt game.

This year the P. K. S. will apply the rule which has long been in effect in the German

electric light plant would compete with and destroy the usefulness of the municipal electric plant. The fight for the franchise was led by K. L. Spencer, and the opposition by Galia Valden and W. L. Jones. The Business Association had previously endorsed the electric light plant by a unanimous vote, and sent a special committee to urge the City Council to grant a franchise.

### WOMAN HELD FOR MURDER.

At Preliminary Hearing Testifies She Shot in Self-Defense.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Danville, Va., October 11.—Mary Beard, colored, who several days ago shot and killed



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club dances—that is, no one not a member of the society will be allowed to attend the dance as a star.

### VOTE AGAINST FRANCHISE.

Williamsburg Council Oppose Installation of  
Electric Light Plant.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Williamsburg, Va., October 11.—The Williamsburg City Council last night declined to grant a franchise to a company for the operation here of an electric light plant, the vote standing 2 to 3. Five members of the Council were present, and the deciding vote against the proposition was cast by President Wolfe. Those who voted against the franchise gave as their reason that an

ed William Davis, also colored, on Craig Road street, following an argument over the purchase of some chestnuts to be sold in the store which they were running as partners, was given a preliminary hearing to-day before the Mayor and sent on to the grand jury charged with murder.

So far no eye-witnesses to the shooting have been located, and the woman's testimony was to the effect that she shot in self-defense of her life, as Davis was approaching her with a butcher knife in his hand, threatening to kill her.

### IN UNCONSCIOUS CONDITION.

Colonel J. F. Templeton Suffering With Clot  
of Blood on Brain.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bastie, Va., October 11.—Colonel J. F. Templeton, of this place and a member of the House of Representatives of Virginia, was suddenly taken ill in Western North Carolina yesterday, where he was on business, and was to-day moved to Jefferson City, Tenn., for an operation. He is in an unconscious condition, from what physicians pronounce a clot of blood on the brain.

### BRYAN AT RADFORD TO-DAY.

Will Spend Night at Home of Ex-Governor  
Tyler.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
East Radford, Va., October 11.—William Jennings Bryan will stop over here to-morrow afternoon on his way from Nashville to Washington. Ex-Governor Tyler received a telegram from Mr. Bryan to-day saying he would spend to-morrow night with him. Governor Tyler, President McConnell, members of the normal faculty and students and citizens of Radford will be at the station to give him a genuine welcome.

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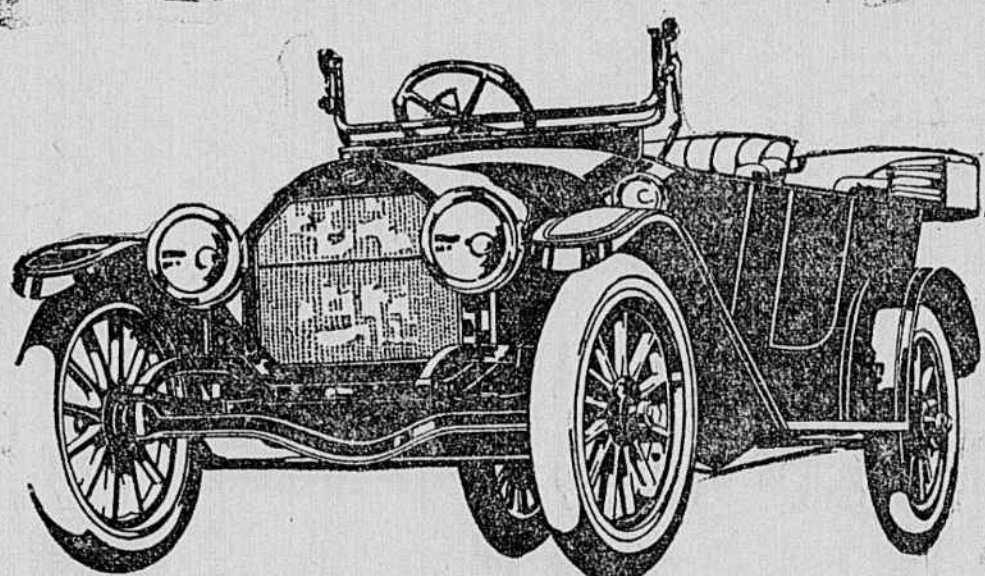
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## AMUSEMENTS.

(Continued From Sixth Page.)

pletion of each of the daily performances, the matinees starting at 2:30 and the night performance at 8:30.

### "Madame X"

Eugenie Blair will appear at the Bijou to-morrow as "Madame X" in Alexandre Bisson's famous drama of the same title.

"Madame X" is the play that two years ago set the entire theatrical world talking. It is a stirring story of a woman, who repents and seeks her husband's forgiveness. Being refused the latter, she drifts along the seas of life, but finally falls a victim to abstinence and later is dragged into a criminal court on the charge of murder. Her son, whom she does not recognize, and who does not remember her, is appointed to defend her. He secures a verdict of not guilty, but a higher and greater Judge takes the prisoner shortly after the verdict is rendered, and the son learns too late

that his client was his long-lost mother. Miss Blair is a great emotional actress, and a better selection for the role would be hard to find. Her excellent work in "Zaza" and the "Crested Bonnet" bespeak much in her favor toward a perfect interpretation of this difficult role.

The company engaged to support Miss Blair is said to be thoroughly adequate to all demands made upon it, and a most enjoyable performance may be looked for.

The production is identical with that seen during the enormously long runs of the piece, with matinees Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

### "Indian Princess" at the Colonial.

La Mostena, daughter of an Indian chief of the Mohi tribe, and thus an "Indian Princess" in her own right, will be the main feature of the vaudeville bill at the Colonial. La Mostena offers a religious ceremony of the tribe to which she belongs in the way of a dance, during which she uses several rattlesnakes. This dance is considered sacred by her people. Before her

dance, La Mostena explains the customs of different tribes of Indians, using stereopticon views to aid in the description. The dance and the rattlesnakes follow.

Johnson, Harton and Johnson will provide a big singing feature, with a line of whirlwind comedy chatter.

Klein and Clifton, a singing and dancing pair, who are not new to Colonial goers, since they achieved much success at that theatre more than a year ago, will add pleasure to the bill through their singing and dancing cleverness.

Epps and Paul, a comedy juggling pair, showing their cleverness in the balancing of objects and the handling of heavy weights, together with the humor injected, will add a pleasing number.

Lionel Paris, a monologue performer, with an original line of chatter and some descriptive lyrics, will complete the vaudeville section.

Picture plays that have the approval of the National Censors will complete each of the three daily performances, the matinee starting at 3 o'clock, and the night performances at 7:15 and 9 o'clock, with the amateurs adding a comedy session to the Friday night performances.

Continuous at Empire.

Beginning to-morrow the Empire inaugurates what it describes as a new exclusive picture service, with a continuous performance from 12 o'clock noon until 11 o'clock at night. The theatre has tried out various combinations since its abandonment of vaudeville a year ago, and enters with enthusiasm upon a new policy which, the lessees declare, will carve out for the Empire a distinct place in the local amusement field.

The General Film Company will furnish the pictures, which will be all features, in two, three and four parts. The management guarantees that all pictures will be new and makes a standing offer to refund the admission price to every person who can say that the films have ever before been shown in Richmond. There will be a daily five or six-reel program, with changes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The bill will include the newest products of the Lubin, Biograph, Edison, Essanay, Kalem, Pathe and other com-

panies. The price for adults will be 10 cents, with 5 cents for children.

"Little Women" with the so-called "problem" and "punch" plays that have brought criticism upon the drama of to-day, "Little Women" is pronounced by clergymen, educators and critics of all classes as most refreshing. Written by Louisa M. Alcott more than forty years ago, this book maintains its place among the best sellers of to-day.

The production that William A. Brady has given "Little Women" has distinguished it as one of the most complete and costly that the stage has ever known.

The company that will present "Little Women" at the Academy Music October 24 and 25, with daily matinees, is said to be one of the best that Mr. Brady has sent on tour.

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